



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES  
145 N Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20530

**COPS**

April 25, 2016

**RE: COPS Office FY 2016 COPS Hiring Program  
(CHP) Solicitation - Now Open!**

Dear Colleague:

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is pleased to announce that **the application period for the FY 2016 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is now open.** Applications for this year's CHP solicitation must be completed and submitted by **7:59 PM, EDT on June 23, 2016.** This year's COPS Hiring Program has an overarching emphasis on implementing the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing.

**Program Details**

The FY2016 COPS Hiring Program is open to all state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority. This nationwide program is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing specific problems, through the hiring of full-time sworn officer positions. Funding is provided directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Up to \$137 million is available in federal funding for this program in FY 2016, and all awards are subject to the availability of federal funds.

Applicants will be able to select from one of seven broad areas of policing which would be the focus of any officers awarded. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who select "Building Trust," "Homeland Security" or "School-Based Policing" as their problem/focus area. Other priority problem/focus areas will be identified in the solicitation documents and listed in the application.

All applicants should refer to the [Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#) for suggested actions to incorporate into their

proposed community policing strategy. The Final report examines how to strengthen public trust and foster strong relationships between local law enforcement and the communities that they serve, while also promoting effective crime reduction.

**For detailed information on the COPS Hiring Program requirements, application instructions, FAQs and more, please visit the [CHP Program page on the COPS website](#).** We also encourage you to read the "[Preparing Your Application](#)" document on our website. This document provides helpful information about preparations your agency can make at this time to ensure a smooth application process and minimize the chance of problems or delays.

Please note that all CHP applications will be accepted electronically via a **two-step process through Grants.gov and the COPS Office Agency Portal**. Detailed instructions about how to apply for this program can be found on the COPS Office website, along with information about the submission deadline, and other important information.

Thank you for your interest in the FY 2016 CHP solicitation. If you have questions about this or any other COPS Office grant program, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Davis", is positioned above the printed name.

Ronald L. Davis  
Director